

**ABSTRACT**

Compositions, equipment, and methods for prognosing, diagnosing, preventing, or treating colon cancer. Colon cancer genes that are differentially expressed in colon cancer tissues relative to disease-free tissues are identified. Exmaples of these genes are illustrated in Tables 1-5. Colon cancer genes of the present invention and their encoded products can be used as markers or prophylactic or therapeutic agents for the detection or treatment of colon cancer.